

MNC-6139

03 July 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau -- June

I. GENERAL

A. Work on the new bureau is proceeding; construction of the building itself and the perimeter wall appears to be on schedule, while progress on external buildings and services is somewhat slow. Some two thirds of the walls of the main building have now been completed, as has about 70 percent of the perimeter wall. Work on the underground watertank is taking place, with the concrete columns and groundslabs having been poured, and construction of the onsite building for the Electrical Authority of Cyprus has also begun.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In response to Gulf Bureau's initial phasedown in coverage and its closure on Thursdays and Fridays as of 12 June, Nicosia has assumed coverage of two early morning Persian casts carried by Tehran Domestic Service. The bureau found its initial plans to cover four of the early Tehran Persian casts frustrated by post-Ramadan frequency changes.

2. On 4 June, Beirut Domestic carried a speech delivered by Nabih Birri, leader of the Shi'ite Amal Movement in Lebanon, on the inauguration of a new "Lebanese National Resistance Radio." The new Amal radio, broadcasting from the Bi'r Hasan area of West Beirut, according to the 5 June issue of Beirut AL-NAHAR, was sampled for a week and was then added to coverage as the Beirut Voice of National Resistance, bringing the bureau's coverage of Lebanese Muslim radios more in line with that of Christian transmitters.

3. A "small explosion" caused by a stick of dynamite took place on the first floor of the building housing Beirut Domestic Service on 23 June. The explosion, responsibility for which was claimed by the Sunni Al-Murabitun organization, produced no monitored disruption of the radio's scheduled programming.

B. Communications

1. Due to a power failure and lengthy equipment repairs at the local embassy's [] the bureau activated its backup Nicosia-Caversham commercial circuit for 24 hours on 1 June.

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C. Lateral Services

1. Local embassy personnel were alerted to a report appearing in the 22 June issue of the rightwing Nicosia paper I SIMIRINI, which referred to the planned downgrading of the Libyan People's Bureau in Cyprus as a part of Libya's "austerity" program.

2. The embassy political officer expressed his appreciation upon being informed of the 21 June release of two Cypriot students held hostage in Lebanon since 28 April 1986.

3. The embassy regional security officer was alerted to a 23 June report broadcast by the Phalangist Party's Voice of Lebanon radio in Beirut in which someone calling the station from Cyprus and claiming to speak on behalf of the "Black Palm Organization" threatened to strike at Syrian interests around the world within 48 hours.

D. Technical

1. The bureau's roof antennas were repositioned and a new UHF 21dB gain antenna was installed with a 38dB gain masthead amplifier.

2. Six TRG antenna multicouplers were installed at the bureau's remote site at Lara. The Cyprus Telecommunications Authority's ship-to-shore station in Nicosia will share in the use of our antennas as a result. A limiter amplifier was also installed at Lara, to eliminate problems caused by audio level variations in the FM receiver there.

3. The Cyprus Telecommunications Authority has appointed Mr. Andreas Xenophontos to serve as permanent liaison officer with our bureau. This new position should serve to improve our coordination with CYTA on the new bureau and other projects. [redacted] STAT

4. Equipment received: One Triplett Model 6500 cable fault locator, from Headquarters.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Bureau secretary [redacted] departed Cyprus on 13 June for stateside R & R. STAT

2. [redacted] arrived on 20 June and assumed duties as chief, Nicosia Bureau on 26 June. STAT

3. [redacted] departed Cyprus on 26 June for homeleave stateside, after which he will take up duties as chief, Panama Bureau. STAT

4. [redacted] completed his 3-month training TDY and departed Cyprus 27 June. STAT

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B. Visitors

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1. [] of RECD departed Cyprus on 21 June at the end of a 6-week TDY to oversee construction of our new bureau.

2. [] RECD engineer, returned to the island on 27 June to take up oversight of our construction project. STAT

3. [] FBIS security officer, arrived in Nicosia on 29 June to engage in security consultations at the bureau. STAT

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Bureau Chief
Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for June 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	209490
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	79900
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	799

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8970.00 min.	22260.00 min.	117.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

CHINA

Beijing in Persian to Iran	0
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CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)

(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in Arabic	14530
(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in Arabic	10630

CYPRUS

Nicosia Domestic Service in Greek	11080
Nicosia Domestic Service in English	0
*Nicosia Television Service in Greek	330
*Nicosia APOYEVMA\TINI in Greek	760
Nicosia Cyprus MAIL in English	0
*Nicosia ELEVTHEROTIPIA Tis DHEVTERAS in Greek	460
Nicosia ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek	3760
Nicosia I SIMERINI in Greek	2280
Nicosia I SIMERINI tis DHEFTERAS in Greek	600
Nicosia KHARAVYI in Greek	1020

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Nicosia KHARAVYI tis DHEFTERAS in Greek			500
Nicosia O FILELEVETHEROS in Greek			850
Nicosia O FILELEVETHEROS tis DHEFTERAS in Greek			1400
*Nicosia PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE in English			4340
*Nicosia TA NEA in Greek			220
*Nicosia THE CYPRUS WEEKLY in English			350
EGYPT			
Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic	9040		
Cairo MENA in Arabic		32970	
Cairo MENA in English		3460	
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		12880	
GREECE			
Athens Domestic Service in Greek	13270		
Athens ATHENS NEWS in English			1630
Athens ELEVETHEROTIPIA in Greek			1710
Athens I KATHIMERINI in Greek			3020
Athens KIRIAKATIKI ELEVETHEROTIPIA in Greek			610
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			390
IRAN			
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	1730		
IRAQ			
Baghdad in Persian to Iran	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
LEBANON			
Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic	35810		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic	25980		
Beirut Voice of National Resistance in Arabic	2700		
Beirut Ihdin Radio of Free & Unified Lebanon in Arabic	920		
Beirut AL_NAHAR in Arabic			440
Beirut AL_SAFIR in Arabic			570
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in English			0
LIBYA			
Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic	1530		
TURKEY			
Ankara YANKI in Turkish			0
*Istanbul BULVAR in Turkish			340
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			240
Istanbul DUNYA in Turkish			0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in Turkish			1110
*Istanbul GUNES in Turkish			870
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			430
Istanbul MILLIYET in Turkish			2160
Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish			460
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Greek to Cyprus	0		

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BROAD-
CASTS

PRESS
AGENCIES

PUBLI-
CATIONS

Moscow in
Persian to Iran

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